REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 6 is amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I.   Claim 6 satisfies formal requirements

Claim 6 is objected to for informalities. Claim 6 is amended. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 6 is respectfully requested.

II.   The claims define patentable subject matter

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. 2002/0055969 to Sato et al.; Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sato in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,376 to Hosoe; and Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,434,535 to Kupka in view of Hosoe. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, in part, a first storage region in which program information is stored, the program information describing a procedure for executing a process for establishing a connection to a predetermined server over a predetermined communication network and downloading data from the connected server, and a second storage region into which the data can be written. Sato does not disclose all the features recited in Claim 1.

Specifically, Sato discusses medium 200 which has a read-only unit 200c, which includes a booting unit 200a and a fixed data unit 200b, and a read-capable write-capable unit 200d. In the fixed data unit 200b there is recorded each type of application program which is dependent upon the method in which the invention is to be used, and fixed data which is dependent upon the method of use. The read-only unit 200c is only for reading and is not configured to be able to perform a write-over. The read-capable write-capable unit 200d is configured so as to be able to perform both reading and writing. The read-write unit 202

for executing a process for establishing a connection to a predetermined server is stored.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action's assertion.

Hosoe is directed to providing a server-client system and a server access authentication method whereby the user can easily obtain server access and illegal-server access can be prevented. Further, Hosoe is directed to providing memory medium which stores server access authentication programs and which realizes such a server-client system and server access authentication method. Accordingly, the client reads out both the server address and memory medium identification information from the memory medium mounted on itself and then uses the read out server address, to be connected to the server, and at the same time sends read out memory medium identification information to ask the server for access permission. That is, CPU 21 activates access authentication means 26 to connect to server 1 by using the server address read out by the read-out device 25 and transmits the memory medium 4's identification information via the communication device 22 and network 3 to ask the server for access permission to the server 1. Accordingly, there is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion in Hosoe for a storage region in which program information describes a procedure for establishing a connection to a server over a network and downloading data from the server.

Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent Claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 be withdrawn. Dependent Claims 2-5 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-6 is earnestly solicited.

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writes update information and other various data received through the network connection

unit 206 onto the read-capable write-capable unit 200d. In this way, information which

changes on a daily basis such as content data are downloaded from the server 101 when the

connection is made to the network 100 and written to the read-capable write-capable unit

200d, not to the fixed data unit 200b.

Accordingly, a first storage region in which program information is stored with the

program information describing a procedure for executing a process for establishing a

connection to a server over a network and downloading data from the server, and also a

second storage region into which the data can be written is not taught in Sato. Again, in Sato,

the first storage region 200b is a fixed data unit and is a read-only unit. Further, it is the read-

capable write-capable unit 200d that permits the contents data to be written to it. Read-only

unit 200c, which includes the fixed data unit 200b, is a distinct area of medium 200 from the

read-capable write-capable area 200d. Sato does not disclose a first storage region that

includes program information for downloading data from the server, and a second storage

region into which the data can be written. Accordingly, Sato does not disclose all the features

recited in Claim 1 and as similarly recited in Claim 6.

With respect to the rejection of the claims based on the teachings of Kupka and

Hosoe, the Office Action admits that the program information of Kupka is not embodied on a

first storage region of the recording medium. However, the Office Action asserts that a

memory medium having a first storage region in which program information describing a

procedure for executing a process for establishing a connection to a predetermined server

over a predetermined communication network and downloading data from the connected

server is well known. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that Hosoe discloses a memory

medium having a first storage region in which program information describing a procedure

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this

application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the

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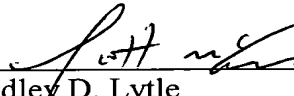
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